

NTPMAS Prevocational Accreditation Committee

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The Northern Territory Junior Medical Officer Forum (NTJMOF) is pleased to be invited to present a latest report to the PMAS Prevocational Accreditation Committee about our current activities.

The forum this year is attended by representatives from ASMOF and AMANT, both of whom provided updates in their respective fields. The inclusion of these representatives has allowed for collaborative advocacy and redirecting of concerns to the best avenue through which to raise them (e.g. industrial issues redirected to ASMOF). A noteworthy current project is the AMANT Hospital Health Check which has been consulted across a number of stakeholders prior to release, and will collect rich data on the trainee experience in the NT which can be fed back to hospitals to enhance training and support. There was also discussion on the current national IV Fluid shortage and the need for further awareness and education among junior doctors who are arguably the most common prescribers. Top End Trainees and ASH RMO Soc both shared updates on their respective committee's work.

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There is not a lot of awareness among junior doctors that the forum is going ahead. Given difficulties in accessing leave in short-staffed rotations and the cost of the forum, a considerable promotion push would be required to boost local attendance. In saying that, there has been NTJMOF input in both the scientific and organising committee and we are excited to welcome colleagues from around the country to the Top End and hopefully convince them to come back/ stay (despite 'the build').

Aligned Recruitment

The NT JMO Forum is advocating for the standardization of recruitment processes for junior doctors across the Northern Territory. Currently, the varying timelines for application openings and closings create unnecessary confusion for applicants, complicating the decision-making process. By aligning these dates, both for internal and external recruitment, the forum believes that the process will become more transparent and manageable for junior doctors seeking to advance their careers within the Territory's health system.

In addition to streamlining the recruitment timeline, this alignment would also provide a strong foundation for a unified and impactful marketing strategy. A coordinated approach would not only enhance the visibility of opportunities within the Northern Territory but also attract a broader and more diverse pool of applicants. The NT JMO Forum envisions this as a critical step toward improving the recruitment experience and ensuring that the Territory continues to draw skilled and motivated junior doctors to meet its healthcare needs.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this report and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions or any projects you'd like us to collaborate on.